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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,737,489
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,999,902
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,192,337
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,535,850
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,567,778
- (6) Europe 789,349
- (7) Europe 849,723
- (8) United Kingdom 2,349,260
- (9) WO 00/31723

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(10) Gerber, C., "A General Approach to Speech Recognition", *Proceedings of the Final Workshop on Multimedia Information Retrieval (Miro '95)*, Glasgow, Scotland (September 18-20, 1995) pp. 1-12.

Documents (1) and (3) to (5) were recently cited by the Examiner in a Notice of Allowance issued in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/695,077 cited in the present application in an Information Disclosure Statement dated April 12, 2002.

Documents (2) and (6) to (10) were cited during prosecution of counterpart European patent applications. Copies of the European Search Reports are enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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